THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The IMDT Act 1983 is applicable to the entire country although it has been notified as of now for the State of Assam only. The IMDT Act, 1983 was enacted in 1983 in the background of the Assam agitation for detection and deportation of illegal migrant in Assam.

(b) The Government is of the view that the IMDT Act in its application to the State of Assam alone, is discriminatory. A proposal to repeal the IMDT Act 1983 is under consideration of Government

Bomb blast in Pooja Express

†239. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have added a new dimension to terrorism by carrying out bomb blast in the Pooja Express train; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Acts of sabotage have always been one of the key element: in the strategy adopted by terrorists. There have been instances of this nature in the past as well.

(b) Central Government has been regularly sensitising the State Governments to undertake appropriate preventive measures by way of gathering of tactical intelligence, close surveillance of vulnerable areas, regular patrolling of sensitive areas and installations and anti-sabotage checks etc. Specific intelligence inputs received from time to time are shared with the State Governments.

Terrorism in J&K

†240. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that activities of separatist and terrorist elements have been constantly on the increase in Jammu and Kashmir for the past few years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if not, the number of violent incidents committed by separatists in 1996, 1997 and 1998 in the State; and

(c) the number of terrorists, army personnel and Indian citizens killed in each year mentioned above, in these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Details are as below:

	1996	1997	1998
Number of violent incidents	5014	3420	2932
Number of Militants killed	12C9	1075	999
Number of civilians killed	1336	938	867
Number of Security Force Personnel killed	185	186	232

Infiltrations in J&K

241. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that about 2000 infiltrators, equipped with latest weapons have sneaked into Jammu and Kashmir during May and August this year;

(b) whether Government have equipped the para military forces with sophisticated weapons, to meet the threat; and

(c) if so, what success para military forces have been able to achieve to neutralise the infiltrators;

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There have been continued efforts on the park of Pak ISI and: pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J&K with a view to carrying out terrorist activities. It is difficult to precisely ascertain the exact level of infiltration.